

MEADE'S FOOD AND TRAINING TURN FLABBY INTO IRON MEN

CAMP MEADE, Oct. 21.—Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, commander of this Seventy-ninth division of the national army, is just as deeply interested in the food that goes into the stomach of this army as any mother, or wife who has written to him.

This army is just like any other army in producing its culinary kick. What a man thinks he writes home to his women folk and their without any reluctance and sometimes without any waste of gentleness, writes to General Kuhn.

The general in talking about these letters gave his hand a wave to indicate how big has been the pile of communications. There is one thing about the Camp Meade postoffice. Bad news seems to get through freely, especially if it is directed to those on "tower hill."

Open Kitchens to Experts.
General Kuhn was asked if he would be willing to permit a cooking expert speak to the mess sergeants. When assured that the expert is an authority he said he would gladly allow such instruction to be given. The mess sergeants may be called shortly to a general conference on army rations in camp, in transit and on the battlefield.

Many visits have been paid by General Kuhn himself to kitchens and to mess halls. Officers of companies also do this regularly, and to improve the food from time to time, changing kitchen crews.

Many of the mothers complain that Johnnie is not getting just what he needs to be so fond of. It is true soldiers cannot have everything that a Tom, Dick, and Harry insisted on having back home. This result is that the food is agreeing with the men and they are thriving on it.

Some Pains in Tummy.
The indignation that used to arrive about forty minutes after mother's frites does not arrive at all now, although Johnnie writes home, often with the idea of flattering mother more than with an intention of complaining, that he misses those frites. True, he misses them—misses the aftermath, too.

The cooking is being done in accordance with the wording of the army cookbook, and the new cooks are learning in a hurry what wonders are concealed between the covers of that culinary classic. The mess sergeants are the official buffers between the kitchen and the mess hall. They are doing their work well, but they have not mastered the job any more than the men in the ranks have learned the whole war game.

The criticism of food is on a par with that of morals. General Kuhn is hearing from "moral experts" who are giving long distance testimony in pulpits in Philadelphia as to conditions in the cantonments. He soundly condemned those who, wearing the cloth of their high profession, venture to make a general assault upon the army based on the behavior of some individual they have heard about.

Welcomes "Uplifters."
The general is getting along well with the Y. M. C. A., the Catholic priests, the Hebrew social workers and others who are here on the ground interested in morality. He is also willing to welcome here any others who think they are justified in a suspicion that immorality prevails. The worst that has occurred according to some of the guards has been for some women to bring whiskey to certain men, and this in a very few cases.

A few guards troubled by this suspicion have suggested that women secret service agents supplement the work of the military police.



COL. ROOSEVELT APPROVES CAMP COMMUNITY WORK

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 21.—Commenting upon the war camp community work of the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of America, whose representatives are to meet in Washington this week, Col. Theodore Roosevelt writes in his copyrighted column in the Star as follows: The Playgrounds and Recreation Association of America has undertaken a capital work in pushing the war camp community committee of which John N. Willys, of Toledo, is chairman. This war camp committee work for Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Colorado has made I. R. Kirkwood chairman, and has begun an active drive to get the \$750,000 allotted to this district out of the total of \$4,000,000 to be raised in the country.

Should Be Supported.
The movement should receive the heartiest backing. It represents much more even than the very important work of providing amusements for the hundreds of thousands of enlisted men in the various camps, for it also has to deal with the moral and sanitary conditions, not only in camps, but in the neighboring towns and cities.

In former wars the number of men incapacitated by diseases contracted in the camps often surpassed the number incapacitated by the sickness due to the hardships and exposure at the front. This was because of lax supervision of the neighborhood moral and sanitary conditions, and also from failure to instruct the soldiers that it is a shameful and unsoldierly thing to expose themselves to disease due to indulgence in vice.

Works for Decency.
The committee is working not only in the interests of national morality and decency, it is also working in the interest of military efficiency, for it will save scores of thousands of soldiers from being shamefully incapacitated before reaching the front and the gain to the nation from the economical as well as the moral standpoint, after the war, will be very great.

The work of the committee will be carried on outside the camps in the case, the national committee will surely aid the local bodies. All good and patriotic men and women should heartily back this work to keep Uncle Sam's soldiers clean, decent and self-respecting, to make them better citizens and more formidable fighting men.

WOULD RAISE FUND HERE TO COMFORT 'DISTRICT'S OWN'

To have Washington conscripts at Camp Meade taken care of by Washington people is the aim of a movement which will start today, following a meeting called by Commissioner Brownlow at his office yesterday afternoon, at which a representative of the 32nd Machine Gun Battalion, which is composed of District men, told a group of business and newspapermen of the things needed to make the District's soldiers at Camp Meade happy and contented.

It is the plan to raise a fund among people of the District in order to provide with a gymnasium and other camp comforts the battalion at Camp Meade, which has dubbed itself "The District's Own." Commissioner Brownlow and A. Leftwich Sinclair, president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, form a committee to secure the approval of the adjutant general, for the project, and to see that the fund to be raised does not conflict with any of the other funds that are being raised for the soldiers by various organizations.

Appeal Is Issued.
"The men at Camp Meade want to feel that they are being thought of by their own home folks," it was said. "There should be some concerted movement among the people of the District to provide their own soldiers with all they can to make camp life comfortable and agreeable. The main thing they need is a gymnasium of the kind that could be built for comparatively little money, yet would serve a great purpose. The men also want reading matter and several other things to make their life more pleasant."

"As soon as a working plan is arranged, those in charge in Washington will get in touch with the senior captain at Camp Meade in order that the best disposition of the money can be determined."

The entire group expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of the proposed plan. Major Pullman, who was present, pledged his support. Commissioner Brownlow himself was unable to attend the meeting, but telephoned that he was in full accord with the movement, and was willing to help in every way possible.

Another meeting will be called in Commissioner Brownlow's office at an early date when more complete and definite plans for raising the fund will be perfected.

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CAMP COMMUNITY WORKERS TO MEET

Delegates From All Over U. S. to Convene at New Willard.

Secretary of War Baker. It is announced today, will be one of the speakers at the national conference of the War Camp Community Service organization to convene at the New Willard on Tuesday, with representatives from many of the civic, patriotic, and soldier welfare organizations of the country present. The formulation of plans for the nationwide movement to provide recreation facilities for soldiers will be one of the principal objects of the conference. John N. Willys, of Toledo, chairman of the committee in charge of the soldiers' recreation fund, will preside. Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the War and Navy Department Commissions on Training Camp Activities, will outline the scope of work that is proposed for the comfort and happiness of soldiers in camp. George F. Portner, of the Council of National Defense, will tell of the vital relation of the work of the community service organization to the defensive powers of the nation. Frank B. Mulholland, of Toledo, past president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, will speak on "Keeping the Soldier Fit to Fight." Joe Mitchell Chapple, of Boston, Chautauque speaker and author, and Gustavus T. Kirby, of New York, treasurer of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, will also speak.

"I believe thoroughly in that kind of work," said Major General Wood of the activities of the organization. "Great good will come of it. Local communities should keep as closely as possible in touch with the soldier, and do all possible to better his condition through amusement and recreation."

NO FIXED PRICE FOR HOGS.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 21.—A statement widely circulated that the Federal Food Administration intended to fix the price of hogs at \$10 per hundred, as compared with former higher prices, has brought a flood of hogs to this market, bore the price down \$1.05, to \$16, within two days, and culminated in a denial by Herbert Hoover that live stock price fixing was contemplated.

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DRAFTABLE MEN TO BE GROUPED IN NEW SYSTEM

New draft regulations postponing the physical examination of the remaining 7,000,000 draft registrants until they are called for military service and assigning the men to five classes, determining the order of their call to the colors, were announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder today.

Under the new regulations, it will be possible for a registrant to determine whether he will be called in the first 500,000 additional men to be summoned, the second 500,000, or later contingents.

System In Nutshell.
Here is the new system in a nutshell: Five classes of draft registrants are established approximately as follows:

First—Men with absolutely no dependents.
Second—Skilled farm laborers or others slightly less available for military service than the first class.
Third—Skilled laborers and men whose work is deemed vital to war industries.

Fourth—Married men with children whose families are wholly dependent upon them for support.
Fifth—Cripples, mental defectives, and those specifically exempted from military service.

Registrants will be assigned to one of these classes from detailed information they furnish local boards in reply to a form of questions submitted to them.

Right of Appeal.
Then they have the right to appeal to be placed in a lower class. After such appeals are passed on by the district board, or if no appeal is made, their status is officially fixed. Thereafter when call is made for the second 500,000 under the present draft law, local boards will fix quotas and fill their quotas completely from

Recovers Speech As Dream Visions Death by Bayonet

GLASGOW, Oct. 21.—The power of speech, which had left him for ten weeks, has been restored to Private George Ferguson, Black Watch, whose home is in Perth. Private Ferguson, in a dream in London hospital, thought he was once more in the charge in which he lost his speech as a result of shell shock.

He saw the incidents of the battle re-enacted, and dreamed that a big German was towering over him about to run him through with his bayonet. The excitement of the dream was sufficient to cause Ferguson to raise himself in his bed and shout aloud. He knew then that he had recovered his speech, and was naturally overjoyed. In conversation with a press representative who visited the young soldier in his home, Private Ferguson remarked: "I couldn't believe it. I just thought I was back at the old spot, and the whole affair was as clear as the actual battle. The nurse and others were as surprised as myself when I shouted."

class 1, starting with class 2 only when the first class is wholly exhausted. The men needed to fill each quota will then present themselves for physical examination.

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